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HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS REPORT

Winter Wheat Production 2004 Sugarcane and Sweet Potato Production Revisions

U.S. Wheat Production

Winter Wheat production is forecast at 1.55 billion bushels, down 3 percent from the May 1 forecast but up 3 percent from 2004. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield are forecast at 44.1 bushels per acre, down 1.3 bushels from the previous forecast. Grain area totals 35.1 million acres, unchanged from last month. As of May 29, heading had reached 81 percent in the 18 major states, equal to the 5-year average. Progress trailed the average during most of May, primarily due to below average temperatures. Harvest was underway in the southernmost portions of the growing area.

Forecasted head counts from the objective yield surveys in the six Hard Red Winter states (Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas) are above last year's final counts, except in Oklahoma. Indicated head weights are below last year's levels in all six states. Condition ratings declined across the region during May due to limited precipitation. The greatest impact on yield since May 1 was seen in Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska

where yields declined 3, 4 and 2 bushels, respectively. Expectations improved in South Dakota where growers now anticipate a record high crop for both yield and production.

Forecasted head counts from the objective yield surveys in the three Soft Red Winter states (Illinois, Missouri and Ohio) are above last year's final counts in Illinois and Ohio but lower in Missouri. Indicated head weights are above last year in Missouri and Ohio but below in Illinois. Cooler than normal temperatures during May slowed crop development across the SRW growing area. Overall, yield expectations remain good with mostly minor changes from last month.

The Pacific Northwest states (Idaho, Oregon and Washington) received much needed rainfall during May, improving yield prospects. Forecasted head counts from the objective yield survey in Washington are well above average and last year's final counts. The Idaho yield is now forecast at a record high level.

Durum Wheat production in Arizona and California is forecast at a collective 16.2 million bushels, down 2 percent from May 1 and 13 percent below their 2004 total of 18.6 million. Harvest is underway in both states. Very few disease or insect problems have been reported.

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	Area Harvested		Yield		Production			
		Ind		Ind		Ind		
Selected States	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005		
	1,000 Acres		Bushels		1,000 Bushels			
Arkansas	620	185	53.0	50.0	32,860	9,250		
Colorado	1,700	2,450	27.0	32.0	45,900	78,400		
Kansas	8,500	9,600	37.0	40.0	314,500	384,000		
Louisiana	165	1/	50.0	1/	8,250	1/		
Mississippi	135	90	53.0	48.0	7,155	4,320		
Oklahoma	4,700	4,300	35.0	34.0	164,500	146,200		
Texas	3,500	3,500	31.0	30.0	108,500	105,000		
United States	34,462	35,069	43.5	44.1	1,499,434	1,545,971		

Not available until September 2005.

Louisiana Sugarcane

Sugarcane production for sugar and seed in 2004 totaled 11.1 million tons, 14 percent below the 2003 production. Harvested acreage for sugar and seed totaled 465,000 acres, 25,000 acres below 2003. The average yield per acre was 23.8 tons, down 2.4 tons from 2003.

U. S. Sugarcane Production

Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed in 2004 was revised to 29.0 million tons, down 1 percent from the March 1 estimate and down 14 percent from the previous year. Area harvested for sugar and seed totaled 938,200 acres, 1 percent below the previous estimate and 5 percent below 2003. The estimated yield for sugar and seed production was 30.9 tons per acre, 0.1 ton above March but 3.2 tons below the 2003 yield.

Production of sugarcane for sugar is revised to 27.2 million tons, 2 percent below the March 1 estimate and 15 percent below 2003. Area harvested for sugar production totaled 879,500 acres, 2 percent less than the previous estimate and 5 percent below 2003. Yield of sugarcane for sugar was 31.0 tons per acre, up from 30.9 tons on March 1 but 3.2 tons below 2003.

Sugarcane For Sugar and Seed: Acreage, Yield and Production

	Area H	arvested	Yie	eld ¹	Production ¹		
	2003	2004^{2}	2003	2004^{2}	2003	2004 ²	
State	1,000 Acres		Tons		1,000 Tons		
For Sugar					·		
Florida	419.0	385.0	39.3	34.9	16,467	13,437	
Hawaii	19.9	21.8	102.0	90.8	2,030	1,979	
Louisiana	450.0	430.0	26.2	23.8	11,790	10,234	
Texas	41.7	42.7	39.7	37.3	1,655	1,593	
United States	930.6	897.5	34.3	31.0	31,942	27,243	
For Seed							
Florida	19.0	21.0	40.2	40.2	764	844	
Hawaii	1.4	1.4	37.3	33.5	52	47	
Louisiana	40.0	35.0	26.2	23.8	1,048	833	
Texas	1.3	1.3	40.2	35.0	52	46	
United States	61.7	58.7	31.1	30.2	1,916	1,770	
For Sugar and Seed							
Florida	438.0	406.0	39.3	35.2	17,231	14,281	
Hawaii	21.3	23.2	97.7	87.3	2,082	2,026	
Louisiana	490.0	465.0	26.2	23.8	12,838	11,067	
Texas	43.0	44.0	39.7	37.3	1,707	1,639	
United States	992.3	938.2	34.1	30.9	33,858	29,013	

¹ Yield and production refer to net weight.

Sugarcane for Sugar and Seed: Price and Value

		For Sugar						
	Price Per Ton		Value of Production		Value of Production ¹			
State	2003	2004 ²	2003	2004 ²	2003	2004 ²		
	Doll	Dollars		1,000 Dollars				
Florida	31.90		525,297		549,669			
Hawaii	31.70		64,351		65,999			
Louisiana	25.80		304,182		331,220			
Texas	30.10		49,816		51,381			
United States	29.50		943,646		998,269			

¹ Price per ton of cane for sugar used in evaluating value of production for seed.

² Revised.

² Estimates are not available. State estimates will be published in "Crop Values," February 2006.

Louisiana Sweet Potatoes

There were 16,000 acres planted to sweet potatoes in 2004, down 3,000 acres from the previous year. Harvested acres totaled 15,500 acres, while yield per acre averaged 150 cwt. Production was estimated at 2.33 million cwt, 26 percent below the previous year's total.

U. S. Sweet Potato Production

Sweet Potato production for the 2004 crop year was revised to 16.1 million cwt, down 2 percent from the annual estimate made in January but up 1 percent from 2003. This is the largest production of sweet potatoes in the U.S. since 1962, when 17.1 million cwt were produced. Area harvested, at 92,800 acres, was down 500 acres from January but up 200 acres from 2003. The average yield, at 174 cwt per acre, was down 2 cwt from the January estimate but 2 cwt above 2003. This was the largest yield on record, surpassing the previous record high of 172 cwt which was set in 2003.

The sweet potato crop estimate in California, at 3.22 million cwt, was down 5 percent from January based on a 15 cwt decrease in yield. Wet conditions during harvest led to lower yields. South Carolina production decreased 31 percent as yields were lower than expected. Texas production was down 15 percent from January based on a decrease in acres.

Sweet Potatoes

	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
State	2003	2004 ¹	2003	2004 ¹	2003	2004^{1}	2003	2004 ¹
	1,000 Acres				(Cwt	1,000 Cwt	
Alabama	2.7	2.8	2.5	2.3	190	165	475	380
California	10.7	11.5	10.7	11.5	300	280	3,210	3,220
Louisiana	19.0	16.0	18.0	15.5	175	150	3,150	2,325
Mississippi	14.0	16.0	13.6	15.3	175	170	2,380	2,601
New Jersey	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.2	125	140	138	168
North Carolina	43.0	45.0	42.0	43.0	140	160	5,880	6,880
South Carolina	1.4	1.0	1.0	0.8	150	120	150	96
Texas	3.4	3.0	3.2	2.8	140	140	448	392
Virginia	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	120	125	60	50
United States	95.8	96.9	92.6	92.8	172	174	15,891	16,112

¹ Revised.

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